

Work Stoppage at the Port of Baltimore

One of the four local labor unions at the Port of Baltimore today began a work stoppage. The other three local labor unions have decided to honor that action. As a result all cargos at the Port of Baltimore's public marine terminals are being impacted and no ships are currently being worked.

Negotiations in this matter are between the Steamship Trade Association (STA) of Baltimore and the International Longshoremen's Association local. The STA is working towards arbitration procedures to request that labor go back to work. The Maryland Port Administration's (MPA) role is to provide a safe environment for picketers and for people who want to come to work. The MPA continues to strongly encourage both sides to reach an agreement.